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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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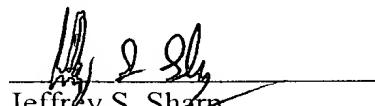
This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2003, in the above-identified U.S. national phase application, in which the Examiner requested election of a single invention. Specifically, the Examiner restricted the claims to three groups: Group I (claims 1-19, 41-62, and 76), Group II (claims 20-40), and Group III (claims 63-75). In response to the request, Applicants elect Group I, containing claims 1-19, 41-62, and 76.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any issues of form or substance in order to expedite allowance of the pending application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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